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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington D.C. 20554

> RE: Notice of Ex Parte Communication, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 14-58 and 14-259

Dear Secretary Dortch:

On January 24, 2017, the undersigned, on behalf of Empire State Development, spoke briefly with Heidi Lankau of the Wireline Competition Bureau. During the call, I confirmed that New York State would make at least \$200 million available in the upcoming phase of its reverse auction to ensure that State broadband funding would meet or exceed any federal CAF funding allocated and awarded pursuant to the waiver. This phase of the New York auction will include areas previously declined by Verizon, as well as other unserved areas to be auctioned by the State.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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